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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuuichi TACHINO et al.

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on September 30, 2004. A petition and fee for a THREEmonth Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to December 30, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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